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Thanks all! Kelly Zito approved the following and I have sent to the reporter. Have a great weekend!

Q1: Why is Treasure Island not listed on the NPL (although there is an active radiation cleanup going on there)? And what does that implicate in terms of funding and legal obligations?

A1: For Treasure Island, the Navy is the responsible party and funds the cleanup and state agencies have been overseeing the regulatory compliance of the cleanup.

Q2: What exactly is the CERCLA program?

CERCLA is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. This is the law Congress established in 1980 to address the cleanup of contaminated sites. CERCLA is informally called Superfund.

You can find more information at these web pages:

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/what-superfund>

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-cercla-overview>

Q3: How do cleanups differ at NPL Superfund sites and non-NPL Superfund sites?

The CERCLA law authorizes two kinds of cleanup response actions:

- Removals -- actions that are be taken to address releases or threatened releases requiring prompt response.
- Remedial response -- actions that require more complex analysis and ultimately aim to permanently and significantly reduce the dangers associated with releases or threats of releases of hazardous substances that are serious-and require significant investigation. These actions can be funded by the Superfund only at sites listed on EPA's [National Priorities List](#). Removal actions may also be taken at such sites to address more immediate concerns.

In the case of Treasure Island, state agencies lead the oversight of the Navy-funded removals and remedial actions instead of EPA, and funds from the EPA Superfund are not needed for cleanup.